

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amendment) An image forming apparatus ~~capable of receiving data from outside and executing data overwrite~~, comprising:

a plurality of processing sections that include storage devices storing data associated with the respective processing sections ~~of the image forming apparatus~~, and ~~executes control~~ execute controls based on the data stored in the storage devices;

a storage section that stores basic data ~~and overwrite data thereof~~, which is an original combination of the data stored in the storage devices ~~of the processing sections~~;

a receiving section that receives overwrite data from ~~the~~ outside;

a first control section that executes a control to store the overwrite data received by the receiving section in the storage section;

an overwrite section that overwrites the data in the storage device of the associated processing section, using the overwrite data received by the receiving section;

a confirming section that confirms whether the image forming apparatus is operable with a combination of the data stored in the storage devices immediately after the overwrite section overwrites the data or immediately after power to the apparatus is turned on; and

a second control section that executes, when the confirming section confirms that the image forming apparatus is not operable, a control to overwrite the data in the storage devices on the basis of a latest optimal combination of the basic data and overwrite data stored in the storage section, ~~thereby to realize a latest, optimal combination of data.~~

2. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of processing sections are a system processing section, a scan processing section, a print processing section and an option processing section.

3. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the storage section is a hard disk drive ~~that is provided with~~ containing a table that stores ~~storing~~ the basic data and overwrite data.

4. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the storage device is a non-volatile memory ~~that contains prestored basic data or stores overwritten data.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the receiving section is a controller that acquires the overwrite data from a Web site ~~that provides data~~ via the Internet.

6. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the receiving section is a controller that acquires the overwrite data along with version information of the overwrite data from a Web site ~~that provides data~~ via the Internet, ~~and also acquires data such as version information indicative of a combination of data from the Web site.~~

7. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the overwrite section is a system processing section that executes a control of the entirety of the image forming apparatus.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the confirming section confirms whether an option device, which is added to the image forming apparatus, operates.

10. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus ~~capable of receiving data from outside and executing data overwrite~~, comprising:

system processing means, including a storage device storing data, for controlling an entirety of the image forming apparatus on the basis of the data stored in the storage device thereof;

scanner processing means, including a storage device storing data, for controlling a scanner operation included in the image forming apparatus on the basis of the data stored in the storage device thereof;

print processing means, including a storage device storing data, for controlling a printer operation included in the image forming apparatus on the basis of the data stored in the storage device thereof;

option processing means, including a storage device storing data, for controlling an option operation of an option device, which is added to the image forming apparatus, on the basis of the data stored in the storage device thereof;

storage means for storing basic data which is an original combination of the data stored in the storage devices, ~~and overwrite data of the basic data~~;

receiving means for receiving overwrite data from ~~the~~ outside;

first control means for executing a control to store the overwrite data received by the receiving means in the storage means;

overwrite means for overwriting the data in the storage device of the associated processing means, using the overwrite data received by the receiving means;

confirming means for confirming whether the image forming apparatus is operable with a combination of the data stored in the storage devices immediately after the overwrite means ~~section~~ overwrites the data or immediately after power to the apparatus is turned on; and

second control means for executing, when the confirming means confirms that the image forming apparatus is not operable, a control to overwrite the data in the storage devices on the basis of a latest optimal combination of the basic data and overwrite data stored in the storage means, ~~thereby to realize a latest, optimal combination of data~~.

11. (Currently Amended) A data overwriting method for an image forming apparatus ~~capable of receiving data from outside and executing data overwrite~~, comprising:

controlling respective processing sections, which form the image forming apparatus, on the basis of data stored in storage devices associated with the respective processing sections;

storing basic data ~~and overwrite data thereof~~, which is an original combination of the data stored in the storage devices, into an external storage device;

executing, when overwrite data is received from ~~[[the]]~~ outside, a control to store the received overwrite data in the external storage device;

overwriting the data in the associated storage device, using the received overwrite data;

confirming whether the image forming apparatus is operable with a combination of the data stored in the storage devices immediately after the data is overwritten or immediately after power to the apparatus is turned on; and

executing, when it is confirmed that the image forming apparatus is not operable, a control to overwrite the data in the storage devices on the basis of a latest optimal combination of the basic data and overwrite data stored in the external storage device, ~~thereby to realize a latest, optimal combination of data.~~

12. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the storage section stores version data indicating a combination of data that do not cause any problem together with the overwrite data, and wherein the version data is referred to in determining the latest, optimal combination of data.

13. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the storage means stores version data indicating a combination of data that do not cause any problem together with the overwrite data, and wherein the version data is referred to in determining the latest, optimal combination of data.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein the storage step stores version data indicating a combination of data that do not cause any problem together with the overwrite data, and wherein the version data is referred to in determining the latest, optimal combination of data.